

# Iron County Register

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## LOCAL REVIEWS.

The crop of "shell-barks" is good. See Osterle & Trauernicht's new ad. The Rev. Hicks struck it pretty well, after all.

John Henry Orrick, last Friday, quit the Four Courts, and "took a walk down Broadway."

Hadn't St. Louis better send her public boarders out into the country towns for safe-keeping?

With October came October weather—for which perspiring humanity is, or ought to be, duly thankful.

The matinee engagement at the county jail, set for October 31st, has been declared "off," by the chief actor.

The "Orders of Publication" go out with this issue, and hereafter we can fully accommodate all our correspondents.

WANTED.—A good Butcher or man to assist in butchery business. Apply to CHAS. ARNOLD, Ironton, Mo.

We gently remind our friends who have promised to bring us firewood that the winter cometh on apace, and threatens to meet us unprepared.

Ironton has almost the appearance of a deserted village, the Veiled Prophet having called many of our citizens to attend his autumnal festivities.

It is rumored that the Syenite Granite Company has re-leased the quarries at Graniteville, and we hope that for once the lying Madame may tell the truth.

Rev. James has had St. Paul's church put in repair the past week—carpentering where necessary, and building anew the brick foundations supporting the edifice.

Bill Holland and Dick Calk, brothers-in-law, had a fist-and-skull set-to in Arcadia last Saturday. Three rounds were fought, Holland coming out second best in all of them.

Sheriff Fisher and Thoms. Blanton had a little peaceable difference with one of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain baggage-masters last Saturday; but explanation on the part of a mutual friend brought back the guns and smoothed away the dispute.

A beet weighing eight and a quarter pounds was presented us by John Segner last Saturday, just to show how large and yet how sweet and tender they may be grown when properly cultivated. It was as elegant for table use as any we ever tasted.

Many a quail pot-pie diversified the dinners of the Valley people last week. The popping of shot-guns Thursday, Friday and Saturday, no doubt, had something to do with the rains that have refreshed this section since "the game law went out."

The hot, dry spell was broken Saturday night. The showers were not so copious as might be desired, but they effectively laid the dust, and the thermometer dropped to the frost point Sunday night. At this writing the skies are cloudless and the air pure and invigorating.

William Shular, aged nineteen, at Graniteville last Saturday thrashed Samuel J. Smith, aged fourteen. Smith's mother had Shular arrested and he was tried before Squire Ake yesterday. After a full hearing the defendant was fined five dollars and costs—in all, \$21.25.

Geo. Begley, Esq., of Poplar Bluff, came up to Ironton with his son; and from here accompanied his mother to Murphyboro, Ill., on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Norman. They all want to "see the baby," which latter personage, with its mother, will return to Ironton with them.

Last Thursday deputy sheriff Joe Baker of Reynolds county came over to this bailiwick and arrested Wm. Bone, Wm. Lewis, Jr., and Wm. Lewis, Sr., they being charged with dynamiting the bridge at Black River. All the parties gave bond for their appearance before the proper authorities.

Chas. Arnold, while out horseback in the woods hunting cattle one day last week, being in the vicinity of the railroad, ran into a piece of barbed wire which had been left lying on the ground. The horse was very seriously injured. The wire had no doubt been left there by the railroad fence-builders.

The Farmington Prospecting and Mining Company will immediately sink a shaft 7x12, 20 feet deep, on their prospect on Flat River, mention of which was made last week. Al. Woolen has the contract, and is now getting ready to begin. Actual work will be commenced on the shaft next Monday, and will be vigorously pushed.

Hon. J. J. Powell will deliver a lecture under the auspices of Bismarck Lodge, No. 152, K. of P., at Bismarck on the 22d inst., entitled, "Patriotism Exposed." The lecture is favorably commented upon by the papers in the larger cities, and we are sure all who may attend will do so with profit. Admission, ladies, 25c; gentlemen, 50c.

There is a sort of sarcasm in the numerous assertions by our Southern brethren to the effect that "under the Governor Interferes John Henry Grick will hang at Ironton on October 31st." The probabilities are that John Henry won't be within a thousand miles of Ironton on that day unless some other person than the Governor "interferes."

The St. Louis, Cape Girardeau and Fort Smith Railway will sell tickets at greatly reduced rates to all points between Hunter in Carter county and Cape Girardeau, from October 11th to 17th, inclusive, which will be good until the 19th. The Southeast District Fair will be held during those days. The Iron Mountain, Cotton Belt and Current River Railways will sell round trip tickets at 1 1/2 fare.

The following has reference to the work now being done in Poplar Bluff by Mr. Hoston of this place: "The grand old sidewalk laid for Mr. Davidson west of the post-office stands all tests well. Several other property owners have ordered similar work and it is now proposed to lay the walk from the depot to the post-office with granite. Such an improvement would benefit the property owners along it more than its cost."

Our old and respected friend, C. C. Lashley of Flatwoods, and his estimable wife, celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday. For fifty years they have lived happily together, partaking of the joys and sorrows common to the human lot, and in the decline of life have the proud consciousness of an upright course, and duty performed. May the Author of all good continue to shower upon them the blessings of peace and prosperity, is the prayer of the REGISTER.

Last Thursday, Dr. James, while examining the brick pillars which support the outside columns of the Episcopal church building, discovered a Smith & Wesson revolver. It had been snugly hid in the pillar, a brick having been removed for the purpose. The weapon was heavily coated with rust, and the six chambers, which were charged with cartridges, refused to revolve. The Doctor finally discovered the owner in Mayor Gay from whom the pistol had been stolen about a year ago.

Will Whitener, colored porter at the American Hotel, had made all preparations to visit the city yesterday morning, but he didn't go, all the same. He says he went to his room Monday afternoon and laid down to take a nap, in the consciousness that he had \$22 in his pocket. While taking a nap the room was entered and Whitener when he awoke was \$22 poorer in hard cash than when he laid down. The Veiled Prophet has no further charms for him. P. S.—He has found out who took his money. The landlady has it in charge, and says to capture his booty is an excellent method of inducing her porter to remain at home.

Judge Emerson has another article on the question of Free Silver Coinage this week, well written and forcible, as his articles always are. We regret that we cannot agree with him in his other conclusions as fully as we do in that the Tariff issue must be the main and leading question in 1892. We have never thought otherwise, but insist that there is room enough in the American mind to rightfully consider the secondary question at the same time. As for us, we believe in Free Trade and Free Silver, and hold that both are in accord with the American idea of individual liberty and untrammeled right in the pursuit of prosperity and happiness. The Judge's article will receive due attention hereafter.

We are informed that a girl aged eighteen years, name not given, at or near Piedmont, last Thursday, was guilty of child-murder. On the day named she gave birth to an illegitimate child, on the premises at some distance from her uncle's house (with whom she was living), and killed it. The uncle suspected something wrong from her appearance and demeanor, and after a short search discovered the dead infant. A coroner's jury was summoned and found a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The girl is an orphan—without father or mother—and is perhaps to be more pitied than blamed. She was too sick to appear before the jury, but told one of them that a young man living in Brunot was father to the child.

Last winter Postmaster Beard swept three singular looking seeds from the table upon which he empties the mail. He planted them in the spring, and two plants closely resembling sorghum sprang from the ground in due time. The seeds planted were perfect miniature grains of corn or Indian corn.

The plants grew finely and branched out in half-a-dozen branches, a d. upon the top of each grew a cluster of grains. The increase from the two grains planted was wonderful—not less than a thousand to each cluster, and probably a dozen clusters. Mr. Beard sent one of the clusters to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, asking what its use, name, &c. The following is the substance of the answer: "which was received a few days ago: 'The enclosed specimen which you wished to know the name and value of is a head of Jerusalem Corn. It is one of the family of Sorghums and has been successfully cultivated at the Grass Experiment Station of Garden City, Kansas, and it is considered of value in our dry arid regions. It is a nutritious food for cattle and can be made into a good meal for food for man.'

Iron County F. & L. U. The Iron County F. & L. U. will meet Thursday, October 15th, at 7 o'clock P. M., in Flatwoods, Iron county, Mo. Business of importance will be up for consideration. Every sub-Union in the county is requested to send a delegate. WM. RUDDOCK, President. J. B. HOLLOMAN, Secretary.

Annapolis News. Ed. Register.—Tuesday morning, as the section men were going south, just about a mile south of town, they met a stock train running at a high rate of speed. They got the car nearly off the track, but had to leave it to the tender men of the locomotive, and the "tip" is an advice whose truthfulness John Henry will do his best to demonstrate.

A Little Girl's Experience in a Light-House. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Prescott are keepers of the Gov. Light-house at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measles, followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew weaker and weaker, and she was "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at P. R. Crisp's Drugstore, October 4th, 1891.

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## ORRICK OUT OF THE TOLLS.

Grand Jail Delivery.

The escape of ten men from the St. Louis City Jail Friday afternoon created an immense sensation in the city and throughout the State. The general opinion so far as the facts that have been disclosed are concerned is that the delivery was made possible through collusion on the part of those whose duty it is to look after the prisoners.

The men who escaped were star occupants of the jail. John D. Shea, murderer; John Henry Orrick, murderer; George Logan, sneak thief; Frank Watson, John Morgan, Frank Murphy and Matt Jones, bank sneaks; Dan Casey, assault; Edward Leubert and Henry Zeep, burglars. They had friends who could pay to corrupt jail officials and on no other ground does the escape seem to have been possible. The men got through two doors by the use of the proper keys and were stopped by no one.

Who supplied the keys? THE ESCAPE. Jail Guard John Fitzgerald carried these, but occasionally lent them to trustees. Fitzgerald gave the keys at last accounts to George Welker a federal prisoner, and Welker gave them to Guard Rigby. Rigby was to turn them over to Chief Guard Joe Paust, and chief guard not on duty there by the keys into a pigeon-hole in Paust's desk. All the prisoners except the trustees were in their cells at this time and the ten men that escaped were among the trustees. The trustees had the freedom of the building, but even with the Eleventh street door keys in their possession they could have accomplished nothing without first getting outside the building.

The keys of the door to the jail were held by one man only, Guard Fitzgerald. His duty is to patrol the circle at the back of the cells outside the area, and keep guard upon three doors. One of these doors leads to the gallows, and is only opened before an execution. In explaining the matter afterwards he said he had scarcely left the door when he heard the rumbling noise at the outer door, and he ran back to see what was up. He met Reno, the cook, standing on the stairs leading down into the jail yard badly scared, and wanted to know where the fire was. The door leading from the building was opened, also the door to the yard, and he ran into the arena, and, calling to Guard Armstrong, informed him that the four bank sneaks and Shea had escaped. Armstrong rushed through the open door, and passed the kitchen up a level stair ladder from the jail yard to a little with the closets across the hall from the Coroner's office, then out the hall past the Coroner's office, and out on the street on Eleventh street and Clark avenue. Thus the escape was effected, and Fitzgerald was unable to say how the fugitives got the keys.

The police are in possession of a number of important facts through a confession of one of the prisoners in the jail which they think will clear up the mystery surrounding the escape. It seems that it was arranged to have thirteen men escape, but three of these were locked in their cells at the time and only those in the building escaped. One of the three is Wm. Howard, the Kentucky bandit, who is under arrest for the McMichael murder at Vienna, Mo. The prisoner who has disclosed the inside facts of the escape to Chief Harrigan and Chief Desmond said that the escape was planned by John D. Shea, the celebrated murderer and jail-breaker, and carried out through money supplied by the friends of the quartette of bank robbers, who it seems are men of means and great influence in the criminal world. The escape from the jail was not only arranged for, but their safety afterward was carefully planned and carried out. The keys were furnished by persons bribed to do it, but who these are it is not clear.

Since the delivery no certain trace of any of the escaped prisoners has been obtained. Orrick has no doubt taken to the woods and his whereabouts will likely long remain undiscovered. This is the third time he has cheated the law by taking French leave of his keepers, and his experience in such exigencies is such that, if he profit by it, the crowning event of his career, set by the Supreme Court to take place on the 31st inst., will be indefinitely, if not everlastingly, postponed. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," is an adage whose truthfulness John Henry will do his best to demonstrate.

A Little Girl's Experience in a Light-House. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Prescott are keepers of the Gov. Light-house at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measles, followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew weaker and weaker, and she was "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at P. R. Crisp's Drugstore, October 4th, 1891.

From Goodland. Ed. Register.—Ever since my last communication the weather has been hot and dry—unusually so for September. Owing to the long-continued drought, pastures are quite bare and fall breaking can not be done to advantage. Though it has looked from day to day, every day during the past week, as though it would rain on the next day, we still have no better prospects for rain to-day—September 27th—than we had a fortnight ago. A portion of almost every day it seems quite damp, but ere night-fall it again comes hot and dry. Late potatoes and turnips are needing rain badly. Sorghum-making and fodder-saving are the chief employments of the residents of this and adjoining localities at present.

Mrs. E. and I passed from the 13th to the 17th instant on a trip to Ironton and Caledonia and return. The trip and its incidents were enjoyed by us despite the heat and dust, which prevailed to a rather disagreeable extent. We enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. J. H. Whitman and family, near Ironton; Judge and Mrs. D. H. Palmer, near Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stephens, and Mrs. Zella Holman, and family, near Caledonia; and Mr. Woods McSwen and his genial sister, Miss Laura McSwen, of near Kalona. While in Ironton we called at the REGISTER office. Mr. E. D. Ake, the courteous editor, kindly explained to us the workings of that truly wonderful invention, the "Improved Fairhaven Printing Press" of which he is the proud possessor, and which, fortunately, is in operation at that time. Besides the "Fairhaven" we saw in said office two job printing presses—one for the larger kinds of job work such as circulars, posters, &c., the other for the smaller kinds of work such as printing on cards, envelopes, note-heads, bill-heads, &c.—and the "Boss," which is rather the most

practical and powerful paper-cutter we have ever seen. Take it all in all, the REGISTER office is the best equipped for speedy and satisfactory work in its line, of any country newspaper office we ever visited, and Mr. Ake and his corps of assistants seem to enter heartily upon the labors incident to their profession and are surely "the right men in the right place." While in Caledonia we met with numerous old acquaintances.

Mrs. Martha A. Hall, of near Red Point, was in this locality on business last week. Mrs. Chas. Bryan and children left here for Montana on the 20th inst.

Mrs. H. Alcorn went to Pilot Knob on business last week.

Mr. Talbot, of near Bismarck, bought a lot of cattle in this vicinity a few days ago.

J. F. Smith and the Houtzhausen brothers passed through here with their steam threshing, homeward bound.

Mrs. Jas. O. Scott, who has been quite ill, is now somewhat better. R. E. Sept. 30th, 1891.

Bellevue Items. Ed. Register.—Revival meeting still in progress at the Baptist church; eight additions to the church last night.

D. H. Hartman has been entertaining his brother and nephew from Iowa. Miss Rose Hartman returned home with her uncle to spend the winter.

Mrs. Henry Eldson spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. McFarland.

Dr. L. Hull has been here several days. We welcome him to Bellevue, but regret losing Dr. Hall and his estimable wife, who leave next Monday for Kennett.

Rev. A. B. Crumpler and family left last Tuesday, for New Madrid, his new field of labor.

Mrs. G. W. Light came home Saturday, after a visit to her home near Salem.

Harry Buford Sundayed in Bellevue. Mrs. Otho Buford is in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Logan were in the city, and were so delighted with the Ex. that they will go again.

Houston A. Rayburn is attending the Normal School at Cape Girardeau.

Richard Clay, whose father was one of the early settlers of this county, is here on a visit to relatives.

D. H. Palmer leaves to-morrow for a visit to friends in Arkansas.

Read and Reburn have dissolved partnership. Read is now sole proprietor. James A. Reburn has bought the old store from Wm. Middleton, and it is rumored that he will go in business with John W. Harrah.

Frank McFarland of Caledonia is here training horses on the Russell track.

W. J. Russell has made a point on his place, and Judge Emerson will aid him to stock it with fish.

Among those who are attending the fair in St. Louis are Misses Belle Palmer, Nannie Barger, Daisy Lay, and Lydia Van Nort; Mrs. J. R. Hill and daughters; Dr. Kerrigan, wife and son.

Miss Joe Carter is in St. Louis.

The Bellevue boys played a match game of ball with the Caledonia last Saturday. Result: Bellevue 20; Caledonia 19.

Two nutting parties went east of Buford Mountain last week, and found all the hazelnuts they could gather, and left enough on the bushes for everybody.

Miss Sallie Hartman made a brief visit to her home last week. BELLEVUE. Sept. 30th, 1891.

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